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- I. The position of the Trujillo dictatorship continues to weaken.
  - A. As reported earlier, many Dominicans, including some in the regime itself, predict an early fall of the government.
  - B. Although the regime's terror tactics have kept down the overt signs of internal opposition, [REDACTED] dissidents actively plotting and the opposition to Trujillo steadily spreading.
- II. Trujillo himself evidently fails to grasp how bad his position is.
  - A. His son General "Ramfis" Trujillo recently commented privately that his father is unable to understand the situation and refuses to listen to those who advise him to relax controls.
  - B. An old friend of Trujillo's sees the dictator as "mentally trapped" by advisers who want to keep their positions of power.
- III. Trujillo's "resignation" on 1 April from leadership of the only political party, accompanied by a call for formation of opposition parties, was almost certainly nothing but political "gamesmanship."
  - A. He probably hoped this would be considered a conciliatory gesture.
  - B. But whatever his intent, the move is hardly likely to be taken seriously.
    1. Memories are still strong of how Trujillo in the late 1940s called for opposition parties--and then ruthlessly purged those who had the temerity to test his good faith.
  - C. Trujillo may have the party faithful vote to "refuse" his resignation--but this would be merely one more proof of his unrealistic attitude.
- IV. Among the Dominican dissidents there is a pro-Castro element, of unknown strength, which is counting on Cuba to provide support for an uprising.
  - A. And Castro would be only too happy to have the opportunity.

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